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Permanent housing for homeless youth designed with youth input
Substance abuse treatment for youth ages 12 to 17 and 18 to 25
Clean and sober permanent housing for persons with disabilities.
Benefits Advocacy for mentally disabled adults (i.e. SSI/GA)
Permanent housing with supportive services
Housing located in the Haight Ashbury District
Temporary Respite medical beds located in Haight Ashbury
Safe Haven for youth ages 18-25
Transitional housing for people waiting to get into permanent housing
All applicants should include citywide outreach components in their applications
Create programs that accept people who are using
Socks, blankets, supplies, shoes, cloths, back packs distributed at drop-in centers, safe havens and by outreach
Workers
Storage space to serve as alternatives to shopping carts
Places to hang out when its raining
Legal advocacy for youth
More public restrooms
Emergency shelter

Thanks for coming to the communities
Next year come to the neighborhoods earlier

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Local Board Community Meeting
Dolores Street Community Services
March 17, 1999

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Meeting facilitated by Michael Bennett, Joy Rucker, Jennifer Grant

What are the needs of the homeless?

- job training (pay + skills, rent)
- concern about large number of renewals
- remember compromises some applicants made in last year's ranking process
- Friendship House needs a bigger facility
- more Native American programs in Mission
- job training, street outreach homeless
- assistance in job searches
- need sober living hotels other than Tenderloin
- need community agencies to apply for $$$
- difficult to find sites for housing, neighbors fight
- homes for Native Americans (HUD)
- where to send contributions?
- need permanent housing after program
- need safe house, transitional housing
- help community acceptance of sites
- poor environment of Friendship House
- need treatment programs for Native Americans
- need safer location (Friendship House) and other programs
- mothers (with children) need safe housing to get children back
- need education of public on Native Americans
- Local Board strive for balance
- courts recommend clean/sober living – permanent housing
- Friendship priority to expand beds and provide permanent housing
- welcome meeting in Mission
- Dolores only shelter in Mission – clients not eligible
- most Dolores clients don't want job training – want JOBS
- Dolores has heaviest case load
- Dolores' clients are undocumented
- domestic violence shelters full
  - -transitional and permanent housing needed
- sexual abuse of children
  - -need housing to prevent loss of children
  - -shelters (emergency)
  - -transitional

- exotic dancers coerced to prostitution
    - -transitional housing
- high cost of housing – prostitution
- housing for people with felony drug convictions
- Friendship need more programs
    - -waiting list
- need more information on HUD programs, other housing programs
- need centralized information
- need housing aftercare
- same needs as stated last year's (high rents, need jobs); how can this change? Clients apply for Shelter + Care; called 2 years later.
- Eddy Street (CATS) good program for aftercare clients

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Local Board Community Meeting
United Council on Human Services
March 16,1999

Meeting facilitated by Joy Rucker, Juanita Miles and Michael Bennett

What are the needs of the homeless?

- need more affordable housing, educational opportunities
- need housing for low-income people , can convert warehouses to flats,
- need 24hour childcare
- buy homes, turn into shelters
- before housing , deal with abuse,drugs, alcohol
- need 60 day detox
- need mental health center
- more structure needed
- need 24hour shelter, drop in center, medical services, crisis line
- deal with problems first
- need jobs that pay enough for housing
- need more help for seniors in area (medical, respite, housing)
- seniors have no place to go
- start with harm reduction model of drop in center with services
- homeless won't go downtown for services
- not enough treatment services
- need shower facilities without strings
- lack of trust because of political promises
- BVHP used to be contained
- need cohesiveness with agencies
- need central point
- BVHP gets "short end of the stick"
- central agency needed to work with fragmented agencies
- collaboration to get bigger piece of the pie
- what can City do to get BVHP agencies to apply for $$$$$?
- need community pressure to appl;y
- City support for BVHP
- some people can't compete without stability ;need more assistance
- need center here
- look at 50% African-American homeless, disproportionate to 11% population
- need services geared to African-American population
- why? what's going on
- some go downtown
- shelters for women not safe
- need shelter for women abuse victims in BVHP

- heroin, crack abuse in BVHP
- drugs destroy families, particularly people of color
- need quiet , safe place to get stability back
- address issues with ethnic peerspectives
- no representation for BVHP,no housing , no rehab centers
- City aware of lack of services
- need central agency
- hepatitis-C epidemic in BVHP
- educate on hepatitis-C with barbecue
- original homeowners died and passed houses on to drug addicted children
- high toxicity in BVHP; compromised health
- breast cancer incidences,
- cancer, cervical cancer higher in BVHP
- educate on risks of cancer, strokes with school programs,. Local outreach
- remember, agencies need to respond to concerns and apply for $$$$$$
- bring meeting to BVHP
- need services, SROs, housing
- need structured SROs (e.g. A Man's Place)
- in '70s community was vibrant but drugs damaged BVHP
- need "full" help for BVHP
- now BVHP desirable to others

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Local Board Community Meeting
Boeddecker Park
March 18, 1999

Meeting facilitated by Yvette Robinson, Michael Bennett, Jennifer Friedenbach and Ramona Benson

What are the needs of the homelessness?

Housing - Permanent
Employment
Services

- move in costs
- services advocacy to homeless disabled
- need "connectiveness" to community
- grievance process needed; staff should help clients
- William Penn "model" peer support
- strong decision making
- many homeless not drug abusers
- want more community meetings (Planning – housing plans), efficient housing (cluster housing (communal), (William Penn housing)
- what exits clean and sober for veterans permanent housing
- veterans don't get enough support
- veterans priority
- who has McKinney housing $$$
- greater need for immigrants
- training, ESL, jobs for immigrants
- veteran housing – permanent
  is there any followup? (housing retention).
- want studio unit
- SSI advocacy can help
- medical benefits advocacy
- needs of transgender employment
- Vets – are people listening, coordinate with what works
- emergency support
- night time drop-in (enters)
- self help programs
- coordinate proposal
- support services for transexual
  -housing/permanent
  -job training
  -mental health
  -substance abuse
- public shower

- volunteer base
- permanent
    - housing for seniors
    - transitional
- advocacy support services
- permanent/affordable housing
- porta potty
- comprehensive life skills
- laundry services
- artist space
- mass distribution of public toilet tokens
- community forum for McKinney review
- bilingual support services for Cambodian/South East Asians, Latino
- employment services for latino community
- housing for artists and writers
- employment services for everyone
- activity for homeless youths
- housing that has more liberal guest policies
- service providers that pay for housing advocate for change of guest policies
- use McKinney money to acquire vacant building
- transgender employment plus other transgender services as well as documentation
- employment services for spanish speaking community
- ESL classes
- scholarship for homeless youths
    - housing/permanent
    - employment
    - job training
- cultural competence services
- education as well as vocational
- permanent affordable housing for single adult men
- continuum of housing
- holistic services/one stop
- access to computer training
- grassroot organization/political
- transgender sensitivity center
- arts center